GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department– Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid) - Performance of Eid Prayers and Qurbani – Instructions/Guidelines - Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 100 **Dated: 16/07/2021**

Read the following:

1. G.O Rt.No.96, Minorities Welfare (IDM) Department, dated 31.07.2020
2. G.O.Rt.No.192 of Health, Medical and Family Welfare (B2)Dept.,Dt:04-05-2021, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
3. From the Chief Executive Officer, A. P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada , Letter No.E1/20/2019-AP, Dt.12-07-2021.

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O R D E R

In the reference 3rd above, the Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh State Waqf Board, Vijayawada has stated that in the reference 1st read above, Government have issued necessary precautionary guidelines to be followed especially during the Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid) Eid prayers for the previous year in view of the pandemic COVID-19. Further in the reference 2nd read above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh on 03.05.2021 has imposed curfew w.e.f. 05.05.2021 subsequently extended time and dates from time to time to take all precautionary measures in delinking the spread of COVID pandemic. He has further stated that this year , the Eid-ul- Azha (Bakrid) Eid is scheduled to be held on 21st July 2021 (subject to moon sight). He has requested the Government for issuance of necessary instructions to the District Collectors and Commissioners/Superintendents of Police in respect of performance of Eid prayers during Eid-ul- Azha and for Qurbani.

2. Accordingly, the following guidelines/instructions are issued to take the following measures in ensuring **Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid Festival-2021) on 20.07.2021 or 21.07.2021 depending on moon sight**

i. Eid-ul-Adha (Bakrid) prayers shall not be performed in Eidgahs or at open places and prefer to offer prayers in the Masajits only, to avoid large congregations.
ii. Prayers should be performed only in Masajits confining with the 50% occupancy of Musallies over the area of the Masajits and safe distance must be maintained between persons praying i.e., duly maintaining social /physical distancing (6 feet) and other precautionary health norms.
iii. If necessitated the Eid prayers can be conducted subsequently / separately for the other Musallies / individuals in other spell.
iv. Wearing of mask is mandatory and No one shall be allowed without mask.
v. Every devotee / Musalli coming to the Masjid for prayers is advised to perform Wadhu at home and bring his own prayer mat / Jaye-Namaz (Janimaz).
vi. The Managements of the Masjid shall keep sufficient number of sanitizers at the entry points. Before entry / exit of the Masjid, hands shall be cleaned with sanitizer or soap.
vii. Imams and Khateebs are requested to make the Eid Khutbah / sermons short.
viii. Senior Citizens, children and people with cough, cold or fever are appealed to perform the Eid prayers at their homes only.

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ix. People suffering with diabetes, high BP and other coronary heart ailments are advised to offer prayers at their homes only
x. Further, it is also advised to avoid meeting relatives, Eid-milap programs, hand shaking (Musafa), hugging with each other etc., in order to delink the spread the CORONA VIRUS.

3. In addition to the above, Government have issued certain guidelines which are annexed to this order.

4. Therefore, Government is here by direct all the Heads of the Departments and District Collectors/Commissioners/Superintendents of Police of the State to take necessary action to facilitate the public in respect of performance of Eid prayers during Eid-ul- Azha and Qurbani and it should be ensured that all necessary protocols of COVID-19 shall be followed scrupulously. The Do's and Don'ts are annexed to this Order.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.MD. IMTIAZ
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, A.P. Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Chief Executive Officer, AP State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.
The HoDs of All the Departments of the State.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the District Minorities Welfare Officers in the State.

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SECTION OFFICER

(Annexure enclosed)

ANNEXURE

(G.O.Rt.No.100 Dt.16.07.2020)

Safety measures for Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid) 2021

DO's

At Markets and Slaughter houses	1. Every person (Seller / Buyer) visiting the market shall wear face mask.
	2. As far as possible contact less thermal scanner is used at the entry point for screening of individuals' temperature before entering the premises.
	3. Both at entry and exit there should be a facility of soap hand wash or alcohol basedhand sanitizer and make sure that every person both at entry and at exit shall avail the facility.
	4. Persons should not be allowed to crowd and there should be a queue.
	5. Should strictly practice physical distance, maintaining a minimum 2 meters distance between individuals.
	6. Disinfect the most frequently used surfaces by the customers / sellers frequently.
	7. There shall be display of Government health & safety protocols in local language.

During Slaughtering

Location	8. The slaughtering area should be clean.
Butchers	9. Butchers should strictly adhere to hygiene and sanitation by wearing gloves, mask, head gear and preferably PPE.
	10. Butchers should frequently wash their hands with soap and water between theiroperation.
	11. Where possible, use disposable cloths or towels and disposable mop heads.
Distribution	12. Distribution of meat should be done maintaining social distance.

DON'TS

At Markets & At Slaughtering	1. No person with cough, fever, breathing difficulty etc. other symptoms of COVID19 shall enter the area.
	2. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth especially when the hands are dirty.
	3. Spitting in the slaughtering area should be prohibited.
	4. Do not dispose off offal's near residential area or in river or pond water. It should be disposed off hygienically by properly burying under the earth.

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